1. Chemical recycling technologies could play an important role in the context of the need to increase the recycling of plastic packaging, complementing mechanical recycling, provided that they ensure positive overall environmental outcomes. In the process of the current revision of the Packaging and Packaging Waste Directive (PPWD), the Commission considers specific targets for recycled materials in plastic packaging. Such minimum rates will incentivise investments in the best performing recycling technologies, which may include chemical recycling.

2. Under the PPWD revision, the Commission is considering introducing recyclability requirements for all packaging, as well as allowing for sufficient time for innovative materials to comply with those requirements. Furthermore, the review will address plastics’ biodegradability and compostability with a view to overcoming the cross-contamination of bio-waste and plastic recycling streams. It will also address how provisions on hazardous substances in packaging can be further strengthened and made coherent with the overall approach for assessing substances of concern and limiting their use and presence, which will also increase the uptake and confidence in secondary raw materials.

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